

Principal Linc May 10, 2010



Walk Home from School Day

Many of you have expressed concerns about the traffic at dismissal. The idea of having children, especially older ones, walk home is often suggested as a way to promote health and help the environment. To that end, I am encouraging you to have your child walk home from school this Thursday. Younger children may still need you to walk with them. In either event, please be sure your child knows the arrangements and send a note if you feel they will be confused. If you live too far, you may want to choose a satellite parking place at a reasonable distance from Lincoln. Although our downtown location doesn't lend itself to additional street parking, there should be spaces on side streets along Washington and Main Streets and along Mystic Valley Parkway heading toward Ginn Field. Even though not all students can participate in this endeavor, we are also hoping that everyone could wear **something green** to raise awareness that we all care about the environment. If your child is disappointed that they cannot participate, you could encourage an alternative energy saving activity such as sorting items at home for recycling. School Safety Officer Thomas Groux will provide additional coverage on Thursday to assure safe crossing and to help monitor the traffic.

R-E-S-P-E-C-T That's What Lincoln Means to Me

The topic of our recent ALL School Assembly was examples of respect. We watched videos of Lincoln students playing cooperatively at recess and a video by Ella Adams of her visit to Los Ninos School in the Dominican Republic where she videoed students talking about school pride. In both instances, the students were displaying respect for themselves, one another and/or the school facilities. We noted that the staff would be on the lookout for these simple acts of respect for the remainder of the year (catch them being good). Then we introduced the Golden Broom Award to be given weekly to the class or classes that leave their cafeteria space as clean as possible so that cafeteria and janitorial workers need only wipe down the table and mop the floor. This past week's winners were multiage and Mrs. Bowman's class. Finally we announced the winning motto for Lincoln School nominated and voted on by the students R-E-S-P-E-C-T That's What Lincoln Means to Me. Like all schools and school districts, we are seeking ways to encourage and reward respectful behavior. This assembly was one small way of encouraging a culture that values respect.

Speaking of respect, thanks you from the entire staff for the elegant **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon** hosted by Jean Kingston and organized by Kerry Campbell, Jenny Rappole and their social committee. We feel your appreciation and support throughout the year in so many ways.

How amazing was **Science and Math Mania!!!** Congratulations to Laura Krotky, her volunteers, her presenters and her Mr. Math for an exciting and educational family event. The construction sites were a big hit with some "older" students.

Lincoln School Spring Clean Up Day- May 22, 9-12 Come help if you can ☺

Field Day has been changed to Thursday, June 3.

Hopefully not, but if you are moving over the summer let Joyce know ASAP.